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The items in this Brief are based on articles appearing in overt Soviet publications during November 1978. They have been selected by former Soviet intelligence officers, who have also supplied the analyst comments.

I. Soviet Media Campaign Against US Intelligence Services

- * A. A total of 98 items attacking the CIA and other US intelligence services was noted in November issues of Soviet publications under review. This figure shows an increase as compared with 83 items in October. The favorite targets during the reporting period were the alleged CIA and Pentagon involvement in the internal affairs of Iran, FBI operations against the Soviets and operations inside the US, the Korchnoy-Karpov chess match, and the promotion of Agee's anti-CIA activities. Most of the attacks in November appeared in TASS and Moscow Radio in English, Pravda, Izvestiya, Krasnaya Zvezda, and Literaturnaya Gazeta.
- B. Iran. The Soviet press and radio are very active in their propaganda coverage of the situation in Iran. Over twenty items were spotted in November alone. In their comments and reports, the Soviets consistently allege that the CIA has made plans for interference in Iran. The CIA and other American intelligence agencies allegedly also have their people at all levels of the Iranian Army, the business community and establishment. The charge is made that US military advisors and CIA agents have been sent to Iran to suppress the demonstrations and strikes. The Pentagon and the CIA are named among the main initiators of plans for American interference in Iranian affairs. (Pravda, Izvestiya, TASS, Moscow World Service in English.)
- C. Denigrating the FBI. In November the guns of Soviet propaganda were directed against the FBI. Moscow News for 26 November reviews a book, USA-Secret Anti-dissident War by Igor Geyevskiy and Viktor Smelov, English edition by Novosti Press Agency. The book alleges that the FBI carried out 2,370 operations against US dissidents, including the Communist party, left-wing organizations, anti-war groups, Blacks, students, and democratic movements. The book has been reviewed by one Adolf Pyzhikov under the headline "The Facts Laid Bare."

Analyst Comment: Originally the book was published in Russian with 160,000 copies of the first printing. (Also see the Brief for June 1978, I. C.)

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